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Tidbits

Feeder Banquet...

The 51st annual Thayer County Livestock Feeder Banquet early ticket deadline is Feb. 8. Tickets are \$20 until Feb. 8; after the deadline the price will be raised to \$25. The dinner and dance will take place Feb. 21 at the Thayer County Activity Center at the Deshler Fairgrounds. Social hour will start at 5:30 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the all Thayer County Banks or the Extension Office. An ad will run in next week's issue with more information.

TCHS Foundation...

The Foundation for Thayer County Health Services will have their annual meeting Jan. 25 from 6 till 8 p.m. Meals will be \$25 per person but free for 2015 members.

Corn Producer Salute...

The Hebron Journal-Register will be having its salute to corn producers in the Jan. 28 issue. Ads for this issue must be placed by Monday, Jan. 26.

Cupid's Corner...

For the Feb. 11 issue, the Journal-Register will run our Cupid's Corner. Show love to your sweethearts by placing their photos in the special section by Monday, Feb. 9. Include name, age and family members with photos.

USPS Spam Alert...

Some postal customers are receiving bogus e-mails about a package delivery or online postage charges. The e-mails contain a link or attachment that, when opened, installs a malicious virus that can steal personal information from your PC.

The e-mails claim to be from the U.S. Postal Service and contain fraudulent information about an attempted or intercepted package delivery or online postage charges.

You are instructed to click on a link, open the attachment, or print the label. But Postal inspectors warn: Don't do it!

Like most viruses sent by e-mail, clicking on the link or opening the attachment will activate a virus that can steal information—such as your user name, password, and financial account information.

What to do? Simply delete the message without taking any further action. The Postal Inspection Service is working hard to resolve the issue and shut down the malicious program.

If you have questions about a delivery or wish to report spam, please call 1-800-ASK-USPS or e-mail spam@usps.gov.

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Welcome to Hebron Miss Nebraska



JR Photo/Amanda Push

Miss Nebraska visits Thayer Central...

On Tuesday, Jan. 13, the students of Thayer Central high school received a visit from the 2014 crowned Miss Nebraska, Megan Swanson. Swanson, 21, of Omaha, is reaching out to schools across Nebraska to promote health and wellness; however, it's not just the physical aspect she's after. The six-foot, Omaha native shared her journey with students: one in which she realized that her mental, spiritual and emotional health was just as important as her physical well being. At the end of her speech, she shared a song she wrote called "Dwell." Swanson became involved in Miss America when she decided, on a whim, to enter the Miss Nebraska pageant. But first, she had to win another contest. With no prior experience with pageants, Swanson entered the Miss Douglas County contest and, against competitors with far more years of experience, won the title. Swanson was eventually crowned Miss Nebraska and is dedicating her campaign to total body wellness: spirit, soul and body. She also travels the state as an ambassador promoting the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, the national platform of the Miss America Organization. Swanson is studying commercial voice and music business at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. She has released two singles and is working toward a career in the contemporary Christian music industry.

January 2015 marks part one of minimum wage increase

Last November, Nebraskans voted to join 23 other states in raising its minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$8 in January 2015 and to \$9 in January 2016.

Nebraskans for Better Wages collected 135,000 signatures across Nebraska to put the issue on the ballot, according to the Omaha World-Herald.

In Thayer County, it was a close tie: 1,004 for the raise and 915 against.

"This is helping individuals who need it most," said Jeremy Voss, the Thayer County Economic Developer director. "It's more for part-time people. It's empowering to those people and [the money] will go right back into the economy. These are people who will spend their wages buying groceries."

According to minimum-wage.org, "Nebraska's minimum wage is applicable to employers of four or more employees, with the exception of small businesses with a gross annual sales of \$110,000 or less."

Nebraska exempts the following workers from the minimum wage: any agricultural and farm employees, government employees, apprentices and learners, volunteer nonprofit workers, immediate-family employees and certain physically or mentally disabled workers.

The current federal minimum wage is still \$7.25.

What does this mean for local business owners?

"This is a cost sensitive community," said Voss. "It's a key market for low cost providers and prices will go up for low cost providers."

However, many companies in the area such as Reindeer, MetalQuest Unlimited and Thayer County Health Services have specialized jobs that pay above minimum wage.

"It won't cut into their bottom line, but they may have to raise wages to

Class develops parent-assist website

A Thayer Central High School class is developing a website to help parents address prominent issues teens deal with today.

Ms. Mary Hagemann's web page design class is helping to develop the site as their big class project.

The website will address topics such as tobacco and drug use, alcohol, sex, suicide, depression, bad grades, bullying, social media, mental illness and broken families as well as other subject matter.

"Students came up with topics

they felt were important," said Drew Harris, the Thayer Central Schools superintendent.

Other issues were suggested by faculty and parents.

The format of each issue will be written starting with a sample statement written from the perspective of a student experiencing the issue, signs and symptoms, a list of three to six websites on the subject (which will be verified as a valid source by staff members) and resources where parents can go to for more help.



Courtesy Photo

2015 New Year's baby...

The 2015 New Year's baby for Thayer County Health Services is Emmeline Mae Bailey. Emmeline was born on Jan. 10, 2015 at 11:28 p.m. She weighed six pounds and 13.8 oz. and was 19.5 inches. Parents are Jennifer and Cody Bailey from Deshler. A New Year's basket was presented to Emmeline's parents filled with items from the following businesses and organizations: Amanda's Cottage, Arts Council of Thayer County, The Bottle Shop, Bruning State Bank, By Design, Central Market, The Deshler Rustler, Dick Walsh Insurance Agency, Hintz's Cheese, Crafts, and Balloons, Hebron Sports Shack, Novo Massage & Bodyworks, Priefert's Pharmacy, Thayer County Health Services, True Value Hardware, TCHS Hospital Guild, Deshler Chamber of Commerce and Hebron Chamber of Commerce. A special thanks to everyone that contributed items to the basket for the New Year's baby. Pictured L-R: Dallyn (5); Jennifer; Emeline Mae; Cody; John (22 months); Landon (6).

~Obituaries~

Krause, Leon, 83, Byron

Kugel, Dennis, 68, Hebron

Pickerell, Gerald, 93, formerly Geneva

Schoof, Clarence, 75, Hebron

Pages of the Past...

From The Hebron Journal-Register

1885 130 Years Ago

Carleton now has a hook and ladder fire company.

During the past year, F. S. Baker & Co. received 206 car-loads of lumber and coal.

The Nebraska exhibit at the New Orleans Exposition is said by many to be among the finest there.

Holben & Bauer have sold their stock of boots and shoes to J. V. Harrison, who will take possession Feb. 1.

We think we can state without contradiction that the destruction of the world, announced for Jan. 5, 1885, failed to occur.

W. H. Shearer, of Spring Creek, claims the "boss" mule of the county, having one two years old 16 hands high. But that mule, like a certain political party, "has no pride of ancestry and no hope of posterity."

A report was received that a disturbance between some of the pupils of the Carleton school and the principal, Prof. W. H. Homes, last Friday, resulted in the throwing of coal in the school room, and the subsequent resignation of the principal. We do not know the particulars in this case, but it is true on general principles that unless the teacher is clearly in the wrong, it is the duty of the school board to support his authority. The day of "breaking up" schools has passed, and all scholars should be required to submit to proper authority.

Armadas Samoiette, who left home three years ago, recently returned from Dakota and Montana, where he had been mining, and made a short visit to his parents in this precinct. While here he bought a fine piece of land. During his absence he had not been heard from, and his visit was a surprise to his parents. He has gone back to the mines to work, but expects to make this county his home in the near future.

1895 120 Years Ago

Alexandria Argus: A. H. Phelps has his ice house filled with fine ice...E.T. Bliss returned Tuesday morning from Stockville where he has been visiting his brother Jay... George Meyer sold yesterday to the Farmers Elevator, 20 shoates, 7 months old, that weighed 4200 pounds...The other day our attention was called to a certain robust man who is now drawing money from the county. This fellow was hired to help put up ice and worked only one-half hour before making complaint that it was too hard work and requested his pay for the time he had put in, got it and quit work. This same person has his mouth filled with tobacco from morning to night, yet is too lazy to perform any work when he can get it. Down in Kentucky they have a remedy for just such a case.

Deshler Citizen: August Wolf has put up a quantity of ice for his private use next summer...Carl Liekfeldt has his big ice house full and expects to keep cool all summer.

Belvidere News: Several of those who attended the literary northeast of town on last Wednesday eve report having their horse blankets, whips and mittens stolen.

Davenport People's Journal: Gene Henrichson left Tuesday morning for Lincoln to take treatment for the dropsey. Davenport boys will miss Gene.

Hubbell Times: Dick Hull had the misfortune to break a leg last Saturday afternoon. He was showing his skill as a bareback rider when the horse jumped suddenly, throwing Dick violently to the ground. His right leg was broken about five inches above the knee.

1905 110 Years Ago

Tom Boyles was taken seriously sick last night, from the bursting of a blood vessel in his head.

A petition is being circulated and generally signed for the establishment of another rural route to go north from Hebron and to be known as Route No. 4.

Bruning Breezes: A gang of Independent Telephone Co. have been at work here for the last week putting in poles and phones. When completed

we will have both country and town exchange which will accommodate all who wish to have one, and they are taking them quite literally.

Chester Gossip: The second son of Andrew Reed who lives at Byron, met with a terrible accident, Wednesday, the result of which will be the loss of one eye and the probable destruction of the other.

He was fooling with a target gun. Instead of escaping at the mouth of the gun, the powder flashed back through the trigger, the entire contents of which went into his eyes.

Obituaries: Elizabeth Matthews Hughes, ages 79 year, 2 months, 1 day...Mary Shelby Simpson, wife of Chas. Henning, aged 36 years, 9 months and 20 days.

We herewith extend our tenderest fraternal condolences to Brother Micke of the Champion, who was held up on Bluff Street in Kansas City by two men. From the daily newspaper accounts it was a most thrilling encounter in which the pugilistic editor came out with flying colors at the end of the first round, easily vanquishing the burly ruffians who secured only part of a watch chain, leaving untouched \$75 which Mr. Mickey had in his hip pocket. It is said the bodies of the assailants have not been recovered.

There is only one part of the report that seems improbable to the unprejudiced reader; it is unprecedented that any editor could leave town with over 75 cents, but when that sum reached \$75 we take off our hat in humble homage to one who has thus reached an enviable stage in the profession. We don't know anything about Bluff Street, but think it's a might mean part of the world, to treat a harmless editor that way.

1915 100 Years Ago

Tony Miller of Beatrice, brother of Mrs. R. D. Kleppinger, has purchased the Palace Meat Market. The Wilcox family will go to Sterling, Colo., in February, to homestead.

Lou Scholle and family will move to York, where he has a position with the Standard Oil Company. Henry Church, who has been driving the second wagon here, has been promoted to the place vacated by Mr. Scholle.

Mamie G. Walker died Jan. 11, 1915, age 40 years and 24 days. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Walker who were among the early settlers of this community, and she was married to Charles Ridgely, Dec. 26, 1895. To mourn her loss remain her husband, adopted daughter, Viola, her mother and a brother, all of Hebron.

(Bruning Booster)

About a hundred friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Fred Kerl last Sunday evening and from there went in a body, with well filled baskets, to the home of Senator and Mrs. Lahmers. The gathering was a complete surprise to them, and was in the nature of a farewell party before they left for Lincoln for the coming session of the Legislature. One of the ladies baked a fine large cake which bore the inscription "Senator 1915-1916," and of which Mr. Lahmers felt very proud. The evening was very pleasantly spent at all kinds of games and music in which all joined.

Deaths and obituaries: Mrs. Agnes Coffendaffer died in California; James Henry Hutchinson of Belvidere; Mrs. Albert Pike of Hubbell.

1925 90 Years Ago

Married, at Belleville, Kan., Miss Grace Messing of Lincoln to Mr. Sherman Corliss of Hebron.

Obituaries: Mrs. T. E. Miller; Frank T. Fennel.

1935 80 Years Ago

Roller skating at Legion Hall every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday nights. Lots of fun.

An interesting story of a small enterprise, beginning with two people, growing through honest service and quality products into a concern using five people, is that of the Valentine bakery, here, operated by Floyd D. Valentine. A fitting prologue to the tale is found in the announcement today, that this spring the institution will employ ten people, and put a truck on the road to market bakery products to surrounding towns in this territory.

James Wilson, better known as "Uncle Jimmy," passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jane Lasby, in Chester, Jan. 9. He was 86 years old.

The federal government's first case against a Nebraska concern charging infraction of the National Recovery Act hour and wage provision was filed in federal district court, Thursday, against the Deshler Broom Manufacturing Company of Deshler.

1945 70 Years Ago

Lt. Gerald Powell of Hebron has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight.

Pvt. Bernard L. Cottam has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in action during the night of Dec. 11, 1944, in the vicinity of Halbourg, France.

Pfc. Rudy R. Stofer has been decorated posthumously with the Bronze Star Medal for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on Oct. 26, 1944.

1955 60 Years Ago

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hebron Broom Factory was held Monday, Jan. 10. The factory has been in operation for nine months and the financial and operating statements showed a substantial gain under the supervision of Robert Maher, manager of the factory.

For the third time in the 84 years of its history, the congregation of the Hebron Christian Church will dedicate a new house of worship.

Dedication ceremonies for a new \$100,000 brick and limestone edifice was held Jan. 9. Over 750 persons attended the dedication ceremonies of the Christian church in Hebron on Sunday afternoon. The 1953 tornado destroyed a worshiping place that had served the congregation for 64 years.

The "Believe It or Not"

syndicated feature carried the name of a Hebron lady in Tuesday's *Nebraska State Journal*. The item as it appeared read: "Mrs. A. E. Wolcott, Hebron, at the age of 80, hasn't lost a single tooth and doesn't even have a filling.

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1965 50 Years Ago

No information available.

1975 40 Years Ago

An early morning residential fire in Carleton took the life of a longtime Carleton widow, Shirley Rachow, age 72. Cause of the fire was an electric blanket.

Belvidere: At noon today at the high school, Roy Habel was accidentally struck on the back of the head by a 16-pound shot, having run between the boys who were "putting" it.

He fell to the sidewalk unconscious and as he fell, the blow on the sidewalk raised a bad lump on his forehead about as large as the one made on the back of the head by the heavy shot.

1985 30 Years Ago

No information available.

1995 20 Years Ago

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This Week 2005... Thayer Central Community Schools welcomed two new members to the board prior to its first meeting of the year, Monday, Jan. 10, 2005. Pictured above members include (l-r): Harriet Easton, Alan Kenning, Mary Mumford, Mike Prellwitz, Tom Tipton, and Curt Mumm. Tipton was elected as the president and Prellwitz will serve as vice-president in the coming year.

named by the Thayer County Board of Commissioners to carry out the duties as Thayer County Superintendent of Schools. The elected office was abolished by the county commissioners the previous year and were contracting with Hebron Public School system for the services.

Julie Heitmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Heitmann of Hardy, was crowned Thayer County Livestock Feeders' Queen.

Irene Pubanz, assistant cashier at Thayer County Bank, retired. She had been a bank employee since 1938. Garnet Koch replaced Pubanz.

Mr. and Mrs. George Neemann were observing their golden wedding anniversary with an open house at the Pioneer Center.

2005 10 Years Ago

The Thayer Central Community Schools welcomed two new members to the board of education. New members were Curt Mumm and Alan Kenning. Other members

of the board were Harriet Easton, Mary Mumford, Mike Prellwitz, and Tom Tipton. Tipton was elected president and Prellwitz was to serve as vice-president.

Thayer County residents would be receiving notices of their new rural addresses. The addresses came as a pre-preparation plan for the future implementation of the Enhanced 911 emergency system.

The Bruning Storm won the MUDECAS tournament played in Beatrice. The team defeated Lewiston in double overtime to advance to the championship game where they defeated Falls City Sacred Heart 43-35. Kole Ficken was high point man with 20 points.

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Courthouse News

DISTRICT COURT

State of Nebraska vs. State of Missouri, Liberty Wilson. Reg of foreign supp order.

State of Nebraska obo State of Idaho vs. Brandon Devore. Reg of foreign supp order.

COUNTY COURT

Fines Paid

by January 14, 2015

Court costs \$48.00 unless otherwise stated. Probation costs also include \$30 enrollment fee and \$25 per each month on probation. Chemical testing costs are \$5 per month on probation.

Local Law Enforcement

Abdo Campos, Lincoln. Speeding, \$75.

Britany Renz, Bradshaw. Speeding, \$25.

John Luongo, Hebron. Violate stop or yield sign. \$75.

Nebraska State Patrol

The County Court processed scale citations issued to 10 commercial vehicle drivers for Nebraska road violations in the last week, for a total of \$945 in fines.

Pernell Gatson, Omaha. No valid registration-car/pickup. \$25.

Haley Gloe, Lincoln. Speeding, \$25.

Kyle Hambelton, Yutan. Speeding, \$25; Fail to use seat belt, \$25.

Dan Ernst, Lincoln. Speeding, \$125.

Logan Tietjen, Byron. Speeding, \$125.

Kory Klover, Hebron. Violate stop or yield sign, \$75; Fail to use seat belt, \$25.

Chad Plenert, Hesston, Kan. Speeding, \$75.

Jennie Thayer, Wichita, Kan. Speeding, \$75.

Kennedy Oberembt, Lincoln. Speeding, \$200.

Bo He, Oklahoma City, Okla. Speeding, \$25.

Mark St. Aubin, Omaha. Speeding, \$75.

Andrew Greer, Washington, Mo. Speeding, \$75.

David Womack, Allen, Texas. Speeding, \$125.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Richard Dana and Linda Dana to Melinda S. Erickson. Pt Lot 1, 2 in Block 13, Original Town of Carleton.

Loren H. Bohling and

Arlene M. Bohling to Lisa McDermott, Ryan Bohling, Denise Schoenrock and Diane Borrell. S36 T1N R4W N 1/2 NE 1/4 (to each an undivided 1/4 interest - subject to life estate).

Loren H. Bohling and Arlene M. Bohling to Ryan Bohling. S36 T1N R4W S 1/2 NE 1/4 (Subject to life estate).

Loren H. Bohling and Arlene M. Bohling to Denise Schoenrock and Diane Borrell. S28 T1N R4WSW 1/4 (to each an undivided 1/2 interest - subject to life estate).

Loren H. Bohling and Arlene M. Bohling to Lisa McDermott. S34 T1N R4W W 1/2 SE 1/4 (subject to life estate).

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

January 5: At 1:45 a.m. on Hwy. 81 and Rd. F, a one-car accident resulted in \$5,000 damage to a 2013 Chevrolet.

Norman Harstock of Laramore, Iowa, was driving a vehicle owned by Debra Henry of Swea City, Iowa. Harstock was northbound on Hwy. 81 when several deer came out of the west ditch and collided with the front of the vehicle.

Two deer were injured (one fatally and the other had to be put down). No drugs or alcohol suspected.

January 10: Sheriff's office was notified at 8:20 a.m. of an accident on Rd. 5700 near Deshler.

The call to the sheriff's office was made by a passing driver who stopped at the accident scene, but found no one in the car. The driver of the car, Chandler Jacob of Deshler, did not report the accident. Contact was made with the owner of the car, Camella Jacob of Deshler, who said her son, Chandler, had swerved to miss deer in the road and lost control of the car. Investigation showed about 200 feet of skid marks and the car rolled one and one-half times, ending on its top. The 2005 Dodge was totaled. Unknown if drugs or alcohol involved. Chandler taken to TCHS.

Hebron volunteers and Thayer County Health Services employees will provide coverage on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Things and Stuff shop and the hospital gift shop are staffed by volunteers from Thayer County and surrounding communities. To volunteer at the shop, contact Audrey Else at 402-768-6621. If you would like to volunteer in the hospital gift shop, contact Ruth Kripal at 402-768-6755.

Children's Immunization Clinics: Immunizations for children will be offered with well child appointments in the clinic. Appointments for immunizations will be offered on the second and third Thursday each month. To schedule a clinic appointment, call 402-768-7203.

Foot Clinic: Call 402-768-4625 for appointments.

Adult Immunization Clinic: If you need to get an adult vaccine, contact Amber Lubben, RN, Immunization Coordinator for Thayer County Health Services at 402-768-4629.

Thayer Central Schools Announce Honor Rolls

Students on the 2014-2015 Thayer Central Community School's second quarter honor rolls include:

Second Quarter

Superior Honor Roll

(All A's)

Seniors: Greg Brozek, Thomas Feulner, Rachel Heitmann, Tyler Hergott.

Juniors: Mariah Hintz, Cassie Kent, Simon Wiedel.

Sophomores: Marissa Asche, Collin Fink, Hank Harris, Brooklyn Hergott, Jessica Huhman, Julie Johnson, Conner Mumm, Shivani Patel, Hyeon Wang.

Freshmen: Jena Cottam.

Eighth Grade: Dylan Fischer, Maggie Harris, Jarod Hergott, Katelyn Richardson, Grace Souerdyke, Holly Timmerman.

Seventh Grade: Madalyn Crouse, Isaac Friesen, Michael Halverstadt, Sydny Havel, Bailey Kiburz, Kylie Pachta.

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Seventh Grade: Hannah Cooper, Jackson Feulner, Kaizley Krupicka, Stephanie Meyer, Carter Miller, Sophia Shope.

First Semester

Honor Roll

(All A's and B's)

Seniors: Cassie Beeman, Brendon Braun, Kristen Bryan, Jay Cottam, Haley Huhman, Chris Kovacs, Caleb Krupicka, McCall Madsen, Peyton Schmitt.

Juniors: Jadyn Dightman, Colton Fangmeier, Robert Lindsey, Adam Meyer, Madison Mumm, Cheyanna Tietjen, Shawna Timmerman.

Sophomores: Grace Brinegar, Cambrie Cottam, Evan Fuglestad, Ashley Harms, Dietrich Kenning, Ryan Koch, Riley Templin, Taelyn Virus.

Freshmen: Timmin Christian, Jena Cottam, Shaun Edgecombe, Aubrey Fangmeier, Brendan Fangmeier, JadeLyn Jarchow, Jonathon Kelly, Tim Schulte.

Eighth Grade: Justin Gress, Sierra Hatcher, Sequoia Heinrichs, Keith Hergott, Makayla Johnson, McKenzie Johnson, Isaiah Keilwitz, Logan Luehring, Shevin Solomon, Grace Souerdyke, Yong Wang.

Seventh Grade: Hannah Cooper, Madalyn Crouse, Isaac Friesen, Sydny Havel, Bailey Kiburz, Kylie Pachta.

Second Quarter

Honor Roll

(All A's and B's)

Seniors: Brendon Braun, Jay Cottam, Haley Huhman, Caleb Krupicka, McCall Madsen, Peyton Schmitt, Ryan Voss.

Seventh Grade: Jackson Feulner, Michael Halverstadt, Kaizley Krupicka, Carter Miller, Sophia Shope.

Birth Defects Prevention Month

January is National Birth Defects Prevention month. Thayer County Health Services along with the National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) wants to help prevent birth defects.

This year the focus is on how common, costly, and critical birth defects are in the United States. Birth defects are relatively common, affecting one in every 33 infants born in the United States each year, or approximately 120,000 infants.

Birth defects also are costly. Each year, total hospital costs for U.S. children and adults with birth defects exceed \$2.6 billion, not including costs for outpatient care or many provider charges. As the leading cause of infant mortality, birth defects also are critical, accounting for one in every five infant deaths.

In 2011, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services reported in their Vital Statistics report that the birth defect rate in Nebraska was 4 percent. This rate is higher than the national average of approximately 3 percent.

Birth defects are the most common cause of death in infants and the second most common cause of death in children aged one to four years.

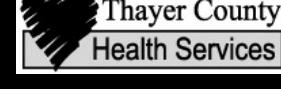
Public awareness, expert medical care, accurate and early diagnosis, and social support systems are all essential for prevention and treatment of these all-too-common and often deadly conditions.

Most of us are unaware of how common, costly and critical birth defects are. The health of both parents prior to pregnancy can affect the risk of having a child with a birth defect.

Diet, life-style choices, factors in the environment, health conditions and medications before and during pregnancy can all play a role in preventing or increasing the risk of birth defects.

There are several simple steps that can be taken to help prevent and reduce the risk of birth defects. Women who are pregnant

Health News



or may become pregnant are advised to:

- Take 400mcg of folic acid daily from the beginning of menstruation through menopause.

- Eat a healthy diet and aim for a healthy weight.

- Keep diabetes under control.

- Get a medical checkup before pregnancy and address specific health issues including weight control, control of diabetes, and any medications taken.

- Stop smoking and avoid second-hand smoke.

- Stop drinking alcohol prior to pregnancy or as soon into pregnancy as possible.

- Do not take illegal drugs.

- Plan carefully. Use contraception if taking medications that increase the risk for birth defects.

- Know your family medical history and potential genetic risks.

Small steps like visiting a healthcare provider before pregnancy and taking a multivitamin every day can go a long way toward preventing birth defects.

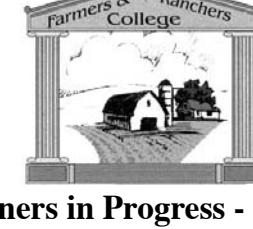
Thayer County Health Services joins other healthcare professionals and public health agencies across the country in helping educate the over 60 million women of childbearing age about the prevention and awareness of birth defects.

Thayer County Health Services encourages all expecting mothers to get proper prenatal care by seeing their healthcare provider on a regular basis throughout the pregnancy. It is also helpful to attend a childbirth education class.

To schedule an appointment or to find out more information on the upcoming childbirth classes at Thayer County Health Services, call 402-768-7203.

Source: www.NBDPN.org and www.dhhs.ne.gov

Farmers & Ranchers Cow/Calf College



2015 Partners in Progress - Beef Seminar

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

US-MARC, Clay Center, NE

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MEET THE SPEAKERS

Dr. John Pollak and Dale Grotelueschen-Directors MARC & GPVEC

Dr. Gary Rupp, GPVEC

Dr. Ronnie Green, NU Vice President & IANR Harlan Vice Chancellor

Dr. Richard Randle, UNL Extension Beef Cattle Veterinarian

Dr. Mary Drenoski, Asst. Professor, Beef Systems Specialist

Dr. Rick Funston, UNL Beef Reproductive Physiology Specialist

Dr. Matt Spangler, Beef Genetics Specialist, UNL Dept. of Animal Science

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Your Guide To A Perfect Wedding

BRIDAL BOUTIQUE

Why a Valentine's Day wedding might be right for you

Valentine's Day evokes strong emotions in so many people. On the official day of all things love, many eagerly anticipate the chance to spend time with their sweethearts.

Couples who already have hearts in their eyes and are enamored with all things Valentine's Day may want to tie the knot on this special holiday, and few can argue when a couple decides to become husband and wife on this day devoted to love and affection.

Valentine's Day is a popular day to tie the knot, as more than two million people choose February 14 to walk down the aisle in the United States alone.

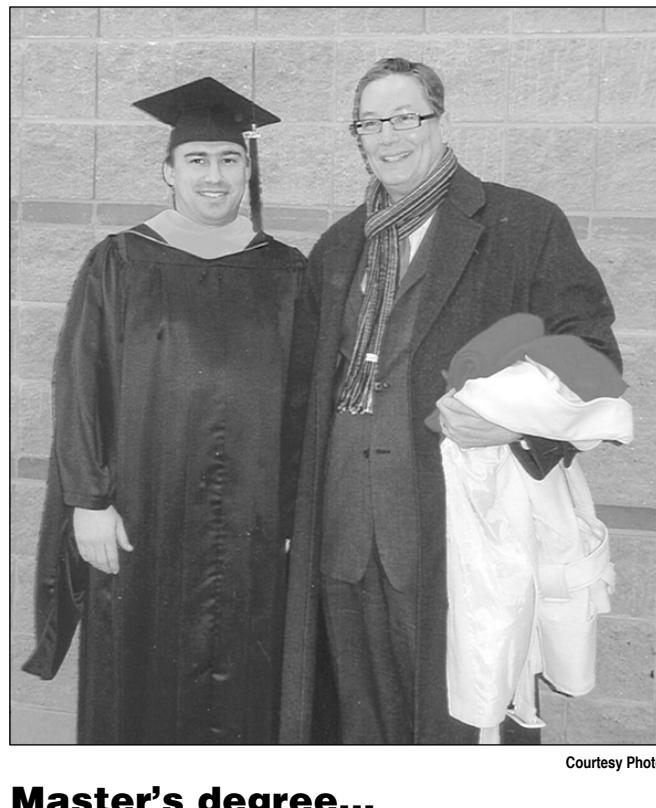
Valentine's Day is an easy day to remember, meaning it will be hard for husbands and wives to forget their wedding anniversaries.

Another benefit to getting married on Valentine's Day is the ambiance may already be taken care of by various establishments in the community. Reception halls may be embellished with flowers, balloons and other décor, while businesses may already be displaying hearts in their windows and twinkling pink, red and white lights for Valentine's-focused customers.

Couples who may not know which colors to choose for their wedding parties and table linens can just go with the colors and themes of Valentine's Day if they decide to tie the knot on February 14. Chocolate brown, red, lavender, and pink are primary hues for the season, and any combination will complement the festivities and ceremony - whether they're the color of the napkins or making up the bouquet.

Valentine's Day treats and trinkets make for great wedding favors. Guests can take home individual boxes of chocolates or crystal candle votives, while buffet dessert tables can be embellished with vases filled with chocolate kisses or candied hearts.

Couples looking for a special day



Courtesy Photo

Master's degree...

Brett Larson (left), a teacher with Thayer Central schools, received his Master's of Education degree from the University of Nebraska, Kearney during their winter commencement exercises. Pictured with Brett is J. Tyler Martin, a Hebron native now residing near Roca. Mr. Martin, CEO of Adjuvance Technologies and Great Plains Biotechnology, gave the commencement address at UNK.

Hebron Senior Diners

Monday, January 26: Polish sausage, sweet kraut mix, mashed potatoes, brownie. *Bus to Lincoln.*

Tuesday, January 27: Chicken pasta bake with peas and carrots, honey bran muffin, peaches, cookie. *Bingo.*

Wednesday, January 28: Cream of tomato soup, hamburger on a bun, cole slaw, fruit cocktail. *Movie; Bus to Lincoln.*

Thursday, January 29: St. Louis rib, sweet potato tots, garden veggies, butterscotch pudding. *Bus to Lincoln.*

Friday, January 30: Salmon patty, potato salad, Harvard beets, Danish petite. *Bingo.*

Meals served with bread, butter and milk. To make reservations, phone 768-6052 by 1:30 p.m., the day before you wish to dine.

Handibus goes to Lincoln on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Call 402-768-6052.

**ACTIVITIES**

Thursday, January 22: Home BB with Doniphian-Trumbull, 4:30 p.m.; JH Boys BB at Deshler, 6:15 p.m.; HS StuCo-Lunch.

Friday, January 23: Early dismissal, 2 p.m.; Staff in-service; TC wrestling invite, 4 p.m.

Saturday, January 24: Home JH boys BB with Southern, 9:30 a.m.; Home BB with Sandy Creek, 4:30 p.m.; Speech at Hastings College.

Monday, January 26: Ninth grade BB at Superior invite, 5 p.m.

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Thursday, January 22: Cheesy fish sandwich (6-12). Fish sticks (K-5), savory carrots, deli sandwich.

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Meeting Notice

The Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will its regular Governing Board meeting on Monday, January 26, at the Beatrice Senior Center, 101 North 25th Street, Beatrice, at 1 p.m. An agenda is available for public inspection at 1901 Court Street, Beatrice.

Petersen named to Dean's List

Ashley Petersen, daughter of Mary Petersen of Hebron, was named to the Dean's List at Morningside College for the 2014 fall semester.

Each semester the Dean's List recognizes students who achieve a 3.67 grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a "C-." William C. Deeds, provost at the college, recently released the Dean's List for the fall semester, and each student received a letter of recognition.

Morningside College is a small, private college in Sioux City, Iowa, that offers bachelor's degrees in a variety of disciplines, and graduate programs in education and nursing.

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Area Students on UNK Dean's List

The University of Nebraska at Kearney has announced the names of students who earned a place on the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester.

To earn a place on the Dean's List, university students must complete 12 hours or more (for which quality points are rewarded) with a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Students earn a 4.0 for an "A," a 3.0 for a "B," and a 2.0 for a "C." Courses taken on a credit/no credit basis cannot be included among the necessary 12 credit hours, because quality points – A, B, C – are not awarded.

Area students who earned a place on the Dean's List are: Alison Buchli of Alexandria, Josiah Burger of Davenport, Haley Houtved of Deshler, April Maschmann of Deshler, Rachael Fangmeyer of Hebron, Keston Fink of Hebron, Claire Johnson of Hebron, Rachel Johnson of Hebron, and Alexandria Kluna of Shickley.

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There are no words to express our gratitude to friends and family for a listening ear, a soothing voice, a caring heart, a helping hand, a healing hug or a cheerful smile in the loss of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Alberta Bruning. Special thanks to the staff at Blue Valley Nursing Home for your excellent care the past 6 years.

Thank you to Pastor Sell and Pastor Anderson for their visits while she resided at Blue Valley and for officiating at the service.

Thank you to everyone who provided food, and everyone who helped serve the lunch.

Thank you to those who came to visit, sent cards and flowers, brought food and sent memorials.

May you be blessed for the kindness you have shown.

DOUG AND JANELLE BRUNING
MICHELLE, JASON,
CAITLIN AND SKYLAR PAULK
MAGGIE, JUSTIN AND
EMMA JISKRA

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Home & Community Connections

Phyllis Schoenholz, Extension Educator
UN-L Cooperative Extension in Southern Plains Unit

The Beauty of Nebraska

If you've noticed the absolutely beautiful sunrises and sunsets of this winter, I'm sure you appreciate the beauty of Nebraska.

Many people enjoy getting away on vacations to see other parts of the country or world – but the beauty of Nebraska calls us back home. That very statement has been made by Facebook friends.

Nebraska is the middle of the nation – the center of agriculture – not just a fly-over state.

As someone who appreciates technology and who is addicted to visual beauty, I enjoy seeing websites and videos that highlight the beauty of the Nebraska and Great Plains.

Click on the website of University of Nebraska-Extension Community Vitality Extension <https://www.facebook.com/unlcommunityvitality> and see videos that highlight Nebraska's beauty.

While on Facebook, type in the search box – "Visit Nebraska" and you can be taken to more videos highlighting our state from Nebraska Tourism department.

A Facebook group that enjoys Nebraska beauty with still photographs is "Nebraska though the lens." You can "join" this group at no cost and appreciate the pictures from all over our state. In fact, if you

appreciate other Great Plains states, you can find Facebook: Kansas through the lens and Iowa through the lens.

YouTube has more videos than any other site. Go to YouTube and type in the search box "World from above Nebraska" and you will see six stunning videos of Nebraska from a low-flying plane. This company has filmed videos from all over the world, from Brazil, the Middle East to Africa. See what they filmed in Nebraska.

The "Nebraska Project" is in progress. Bill Frakes, award winning photographer, who was born and raised in Nebraska and works at Sports Illustrated as magazine photographer, filmmaker and advertising director came back to his home state in 2014 to film Nebraska's beauty. He continues this project in 2015.

On the "Nebraska Project" website Frakes says Nebraska is "an important place, not only to me personally but to America. It's the center of our country. Bedrock values, the agricultural heart of the nation. It's the last frontier, the American dream. I've never met a stranger in Nebraska. There's a story around every corner, and they need to be told."

Go to <http://www.nebraskaproject.com/> and enjoy the visual beauty and story of our Nebraska.

**Blue Valley Bowl Bowling Results****MONDAY****MEN'S CITY LEAGUE**

High Scratch Team Series: Toad's – 1938; **High Men's Game:** Dean Blincow 212, Vic Sorge 210, Andrew Fangmeier 199; **High Men's Series:** Dean Blincow 574, Andrew Fangmeier 544, LeRoy Voss 509.

TUESDAY NIGHT SENIOR LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: N.W.S. – 1110; **High Men's Game:** Fred Schmidt 177, LeRoy Othling 149, Gary Corn 137; **High Women's Game:** Mona Wehrlein 162, Linda Dudgeon 123, Leora Freitag 114; **High Men's Series:** Fred Schmidt 468, LeRoy Othling 355, Gary Corn 352; **High Women's Series:** Mona Wehrlein 407, Linda Dudgeon 333, Leora Freitag 328.

SUNDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: The Bears – 1754; **High Men's Game:** Kevin Mitchell 182, Dale Werner 181, Wade Mees 179; **High Women's Game:** Deb Kenning 174, Diane Jacobson 171, Rita Luongo 159; **High Men's Series:** Dale Werner 524, Kevin Mitchell 514, John Luongo 486; **High Women's Series:** Diane Jacobson 439, Deb Kenning 414, Marilyn Ringen 414.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S AMERICAN LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: Kass Ford #2 – 2497; **High Men's Game:** Manny Moto 268, Rick Meers 223, Mike Finke 222; **High Men's Series:** Manny Moto 749, Dean Blincow 616, Mike Finke 600.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S ROCKETTE LEAGUE

High Scratch Team Series: R and F Construction – 1753;

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Area Church News

* ALEXANDRIA *

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lana Likens, Lay Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10 a.m.;
Sunday School, 11 a.m.

* BELVIDERE *

BELVIDERE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.

* BETHEL *

BETHEL CHURCH

Jim Hubble, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

* BRUNING *

TRINITY LUTHERAN

Stuart Sell, Pastor
Sunday, January 25: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, January 27: Confirmation class.

UNITED METHODIST

Mike Anderson, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.

* BYRON *

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Pastor Breen Marie Sipes
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN RURAL BYRON

Pastor Breen Marie Sipes
See St. Paul, Byron.

* CARLETON *

ZION LUTHERAN

Rev. Jonathan K. Jensen
Sundays: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

* CHESTER *

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 11 a.m.

* DAVENPORT *

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN

Kristen Van Stee, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ron Shields, Pastor
Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN

Patrick Flynn, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST

Mike Anderson, Pastor
Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

* DESHLER *

ABIDING WORD LUTHERAN

George Lauther, Pastor
Friday, January 23: Hebron nursing home, 9 a.m.

Saturday, January 24: Men's fellowship breakfast.

Sunday, January 25: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Noon potluck followed by annual meeting.

PEACE LUTHERAN

Cathi Braasch, Interim Pastor
Wednesday, January 21: February newsletter deadline; 5 and 6 PACE, 4 p.m.; 7 and 8 PACE,

5 p.m.; Peace choir, 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 24: Holy Communion, 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 25: Sunday School for all, 9 a.m.; Holy Communion, 10 a.m.; Annual congregational meeting, 11 a.m.; YOP fund raiser meal following meeting.

Monday, January 26: Staff meeting, 4:30 p.m.; Blanketing, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28: Newsletter assembly, 2 p.m.; 5 and 6 PACE, 4 p.m.; 7 and 8 PACE, 5 p.m.; Peace choir, 8 p.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN

Brian Francik, Pastor
Thursday, January 22: Quilt tying, 9 a.m.; DLS chapel, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, January 23: Bulletin folders and newsletter deadline, 1 p.m.

Sunday, January 25: Worship with Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.; DLS students sing at Trinity (No Sunday School or adult Bible class); DLS carnival, 4 p.m.

Monday, January 26: LLL, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 29: Quilt tying, 9 a.m.; DLS chapel led by kindergarten, 9:15 a.m.

* FRIEDENSAU *

TRINITY LUTHERAN

B. J. Fouts, Pastor

Wednesday, January 21: Parkview Haven Communion, 2:30 p.m.; Parkview Haven chapel, 3 p.m.; Confirmation class, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 22: DLS chapel, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, January 24: Lecturer Bible study, 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 25: Worship service, 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible class, 11:15 a.m.; "Churches Planting Churches" workshop in Lincoln, 1:30 p.m.; DLS school carnival, 4 p.m.

Monday, January 26: Women's Bible study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28: Courtyard Terrace chapel, 9 a.m.; Confirmation class, 7 p.m.

* GILEAD *

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Connie Raess, Pastor

Sundays: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

ST. JOHN

Connie Raess, Pastor

* HARDY *

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Interim Pastor Tom Miller

See St. Paul, Byron

Sundays: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

* HEBRON *

FAITH LUTHERAN

Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor

Sundays: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Steve Speichinger, Pastor

Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.

Wednesday: Bible study, 6:45 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Connie Stone, Pastor

Sundays: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

FIRST HEART CATHOLIC

Father Rudolf Oborny, Pastor

Wednesday, January 21: CCD, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 23: That Man

is You class, 6 a.m.; breakfast at

5:45 a.m.

Saturday, January 24: Mass

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Keith Brozek, Pastor

Wednesday, January 21, Women of the ELCA leadership team meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer ministry meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Chancel choir rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 23: Men of Grace breakfast at Mary's Cafe, 6:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 24: Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 25: Worship, coffee fellowship, Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Adult Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Choral rehearsal, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28: Chancel choir rehearsal, 7 p.m.

HEBON & CHESTER UNITED METHODIST

Mark Baldwin, Pastor

Sundays: Worship at Chester, 11 a.m.; Worship at Hebron, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, Chester, 9:30 a.m.; Hebron, 10:15 a.m.

KING OF KINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Darrell Sutton, Pastor

Tuesdays: Service, 7 p.m.

Sundays: Worship, 3 p.m.; Sunday School, 2 p.m.; first and third Sundays of month.

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY

Mike Hood, Pastor

Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC

Father Rudolf Oborny, Pastor

Wednesday, January 21: CCD, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 23: That Man

is You class, 6 a.m.; breakfast at

5:45 a.m.

Saturday, January 24: Mass

at 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 25: Mass, 10 a.m.; K.C. free throw contest at Thayer Central gym, 1:30 p.m. (for boys and girls ages 9-14).

Monday, January 26: No RCIA instructions. Class will meet again Feb. 2.

Wednesday, January 28: CCD, 7 p.m.

HEBON BIBLE CHURCH

Jeff Friesen, Pastor

Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.

Wednesdays: Pioneer Club, 6:30 p.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

Thursdays: Prayer time, 9 a.m.

* HUBBELL *

ZION LUTHERAN

Rev. Christopher Gerdes, Pastor

Sundays: Worship, 8 a.m.

* OAK *

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Keith Brich, Pastor

Sundays: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.

Wednesdays: Men's Bible study, 7 p.m.

Fridays: Women's Bible study, 2 p.m.

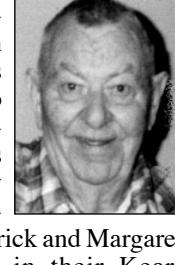
First Saturday: Men's breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

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Obituaries

Gerald Pickerell

Gerald Arthur (Jerry) Pickerell was born on February 19, 1921, at Kearney, the only child of Arthur L. and Marguerite (Fitzgerald) Pickerell. He died on January 11, 2015, at Mount Carmel Home at the age of 93, just short of his 94th birthday by 39 days.



Jerry's parents separated soon after his birth so, to a great extent, he was raised by his grandparents, Patrick and Margaret Fitzgerald, in their Kearney home while his mother worked. His father died in March, 1929, at Whitman, without ever getting to know his son.

Jerry attended St. James Parochial School and graduated from Kearney High School in 1939. He immediately began an apprenticeship in the printing trade at the Kearney Daily Hub.

On July 10, 1940, Jerry married his high school sweetheart, Betty Irene Osborne of Kearney, at Norton, Kan. To this union five children were born. The couple lacked 40 days of celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary when Betty was taken by death at Geneva on June 6, 1990.

While working at the Holdrege Daily Citizen, Jerry noted that all the young men were going into the military to fight during World War II. On July 24, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army. He was stationed at camps in Arkansas and Texas before being sent to Italy. He served as an infantry weapons instructor with his highest rank being sergeant. He received an honorable discharge at Camp Bowie, Texas, on October 30, 1945.

Jerry returned to Nebraska and again took up his life's work as a printer and a newspaper man. He worked for several Nebraska publications, besides owning and publishing three small weekly newspapers of his own. One of his newspapers, The Thayer

County Banner-Journal, at Brumley, won for him the Nebraska Press Association's General Excellence award in 1967.

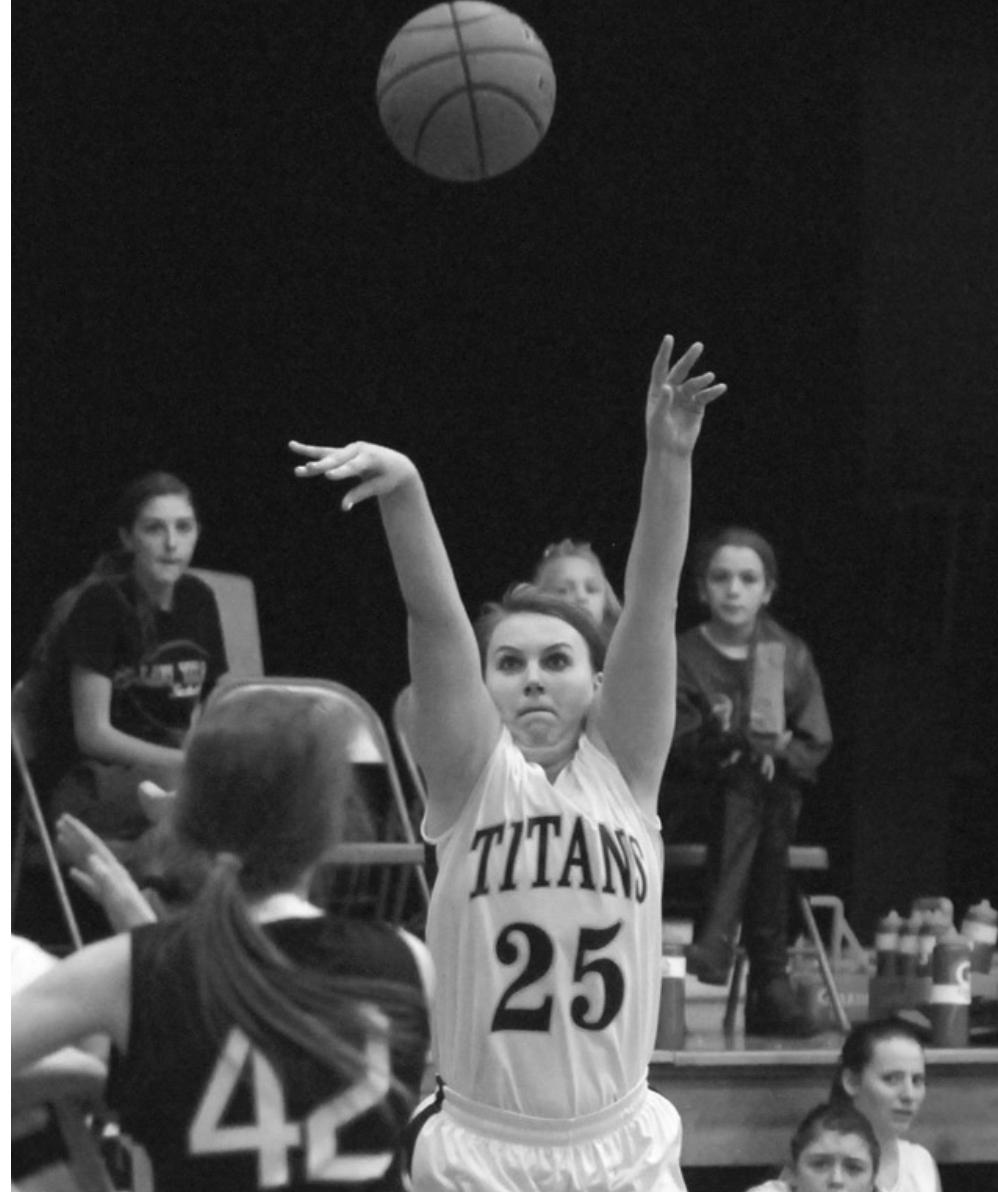
Twenty-two years of Jerry's life were spent on the staff of the Nebraska Signal at Geneva. He first was a printer and later became the paper's editor under the publishers, the Edgecombe family.

While active in business, Jerry belonged to several service and social organizations in places where he lived. He was a fireman and served as fire chief at Elm Creek. In Geneva, he belonged to the Lion's Club and Rotary International. He maintained a life membership in the Samuel J. Marsh Post 7102, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was active in the Chambers of Commerce and Commercial Clubs in towns where he lived and worked. All his newspapers were members of the Nebraska Press Association.

Sports



Titans player Connor Mumm twists to escape an opponent at the home game against Sutton.
The Titans will next face Doniphan-Trumblall on Jan. 22.



Lady Titan Marissa Asche takes a shot at Thayer Central's home game against Sutton last Friday night. The Lady Titans will next play Thursday, Jan. 22, against Doniphan-Trumblall at home.

Wrestling

Titans

Last Saturday, the Thayer Central wrestling team traveled to Gibbon to participate in the Gibbon Bill Foster Invite.

Competing schools included Gibbon, Franklin, Wood River, Grand Island, Elwood, Southern Valley, Harvard, Mitchell,

Kearney Catholic and Boone Central/Newman Grove as well as several other schools.

The following are Thayer Central's individual wrestler results:

126 - Marshal Holtzclaw (16-13) placed fourth and scored 16 team points.

126 - Cade Griedley (0-12) place is unknown.

Tyler Hergott (17-8) placed second and scored 19 team points.

145 - Jayden Dightman (11-11) placed sixth and scored seven team points.

152 - Ali Ashmore (0-12) place is unknown and scored zero team points.

160 - Riley Templin (3-12) place is unknown and scored three team points.

182 - Dietric Kenning (10-13) placed fifth and scored ten team points.

195 - Hank Harris (15-8) placed third and scored 13 team points.

195 - Ryan Koch (9-14) placed sixth.

220 - Judd Holtzclaw (4-11) placed fourth and scored 14 team points.

Next up, Thayer Central will host this week's wrestling invite.

The tournament will take place Friday, Jan. 23, at 4 p.m.

Eagles

The BDS boys team spent the past week in Beatrice participating in the 86th annual MUDECAS tournament that features 16 schools ranging in size from class D2 to class C1. Eight of the teams are bracketed by the coaches votes into the A division and eight are placed in the B division. This season the Eagles ended up as the number three seed in the A division and played sixth seed Exeter-Milligan in a first round game.

The game began with EM getting off to a good start and BDS struggling with shot selection as the Timberwolves led at the end of the first quarter 12-9.

"We really took some time to adjust to their physical style and they did a nice job of going to their big post," said Coach Fred Kluck. "We did a decent job of adjusting to what they were getting early and made it a little tougher the second quarter."

BDS took a seven point lead into half time with seven Eagles scoring in the first half. Ben Elznic and Kamron Ficken came off the bench to score four points apiece in the second quarter to provide a little momentum. As the game moved through the third quarter, BDS added three points to their lead and Riley Tegtmeier and Grant Norder combined to go 7-10 in the fourth quarter from the free throw line to seal a 51-40 victory down the stretch.

The scoring was balanced as Tegtmeier led the way with ten points and five assists. Cody Garland, Elznic and Norder scored eight each and Norder added a team high 12 rebounds. Chris Rohr scored seven, while Sam Christensen and Ficken had four and Jayden Otto scored two.

In the semifinal game, Thursday, BDS faced the second seeded Nebraska City Lourdes Knights, a team that knocked off the Eagles in the district finals one season ago.

"We don't match up with 6'8 very well," said Coach Kluck about the NCL center. "We had some things in place to slow him down, but it really helped when he picked up two early fouls."

Despite that, the Eagles struggled to find the Knights shooters and gave up four three point shots that helped NCL lead at the half 20-19.

"We really shot poorly from the free throw line for some reason," said Kluck. "Normally that's one of our strengths, but we just didn't have our focus from the line tonight. If we hit some of those we would have pretty surely had the lead at half time."

The Knights added to their lead in the third quarter and the NCL centers return made a difference as the Eagles entered the fourth quarter trailing 37-32.

The fourth quarter saw a turn of events as BDS finally locked down on some Knight three point shooters and Rohr stepped up big on defense against NCL's center despite giving up more than half a foot in size.

"Defensively, we executed a look we had really been trying to get into all game," said Coach Kluck. "I thought the guys really stepped up and got serious about covering and limiting them to one shot."

In addition some shots started to fall as well as one possession. It really changed the momentum. With the



JR Photo/Amanda Push
Kamron Ficken, senior, leaps past his opponents to get a clear shot at the basket.

Eagles leading by one, Tegtmeier caught an outlet pass and attacked the lane on the Knights' end of the court. Garland settled into the corner and caught a perfect pass that allowed him to knock down a three pointer to give BDS a four point lead and from there the game was settled at the free throw line with the Eagles pulling away for a 55-41 win.

"That shot by Cody was big," said Coach Kluck. "It changed the whole complexion of the game and gave us a chance to control some clock down the stretch."

Tegtmeier, Norder and Garland led the way in scoring with 15, 12 and 10 respectively with Tegtmeier adding four assists and Norder grabbing eight rebounds. Rohr had six points with Otto and Ficken scoring three each. Kale Kleinschmidt, Christensen and Elznic each added a bucket to the total. The win put the Eagles in the championship against an undefeated C2 Freeman Falcons team who was a state semifinalist last season.

The 12-1 BDS squad faced off with the 14-0 Falcons on Saturday night. This was the first time BDS had to advance to the championship game since the coop was formed five seasons ago.

Last season, the Eagles girls squad won the tournament for the first time and the boys were looking to try to match that accomplishment this season. The Falcons came in hard led by a pair of high scoring guards, Isaac Frerichs and Calan Sedlacek, who, between them, average 30 plus points a game.

The Eagles countered with a more balanced attack and hoped to try to slow the pair down with Christensen and Garland doing the lion's share of trying to cover them.

"Sam and Cody generally get some of these kinds of defensive assignments and tonight they held this pair to just 20 points which is ten or so under their average," said Coach Kluck.

The game started slowly with the two teams missing some early looks and the first quarter ended with the Falcons leading 9-6.

"We were both just trying to get a feel for the game," said Kluck. "Neither one of

us really took the reins that first quarter."

In the second quarter, senior Norder really took over, scoring ten of his team leading 14 points on solid three point shooting and aggressive drives to the basket.

"We were just kind of waiting for someone to take the lead and Grant stepped up," said Kluck. "We really also got a valuable boost from our bench as the second unit came in and played really fundamental defense, crashed the boards hard and added a couple baskets while giving the starters some valuable rest," he said referring to Elznic, Krupicka, Otto, Ficken and Kleinschmidt who helped provide a 20-18 lead at the break.

"They're so valuable to what we do and they do it without a lot of recognition," said Kluck. "Their attitude about their role is a real lift for our team and our success so far this year."

The third quarter saw the teams go back and forth with the Eagles adding two points to their lead entering the fourth up 30-26.

In the fourth quarter however, the Falcons showed the reason they hadn't lost a ball game yet and stormed back to take a late 37 to 34 lead with just five seconds remaining on the clock. The Eagles' Rohr was sent to the line where, despite the pressure, and a very loud Freeman crowd, he buried two big free throws to pull his team within one.

After a timeout, a quick foul sent Frerichs to the line where he was 7-8 on the night. He missed the first and made the second leaving the door open just a little. Following another timeout that left just four seconds in the game, the Eagles executed a last second play where Norder hit Otto with a perfectly executed pass to half court and Otto caught Tegtmeier in stride for a 25 foot game winning three point shot at the buzzer to complete the wild finish and to knock Freeman from the ranks of the unbeaten.

"It took a little luck," said Kluck. "On the other hand, win or lose, I was so proud of the way the boys hung in there when things seemed to be getting away from them. This will be a finish I'm pretty sure they'll never forget."

Lady Eagles

The Lady Eagles were 0-2 in the MUDECAS tournament in Beatrice last week.

On Monday, Jan. 12, the Eagles went up against the Sterling Lady Jets. At half, it was Sterling 15 and the Eagles 14.

"Defensively, in the first half we held our own and were able to keep it close," said Shana Gerberding, Lady Eagle coach.

The second half was a different game in which the Jets scored 18 points in the third quarter while the Eagles only scored 11.

"Sterling has a quick guard who can shoot the three ball really well," said Gerberding. "We talked about keeping her in check and knowing where she was at all times. She was able to get open looks and knocked down the shots," said Gerberding.

With the loss to Sterling, the

Lady Eagles were paired up with the Meridian Lady Mustangs on Friday, Jan. 16.

"The girls had three great practices leading up to the Meridian game and I felt confident that it would carry over into the game," said Gerberding.

The girls showed stretches where they played pretty well on the defensive end. The Eagles took a six point lead going into half. At half, the team talked about coming out and playing well the first three minutes of the third quarter to really take control of the game.

"We came out after half and had too many defensive possessions where we left the Hofstetter girl open and she took advantage of that by scoring seven of their 14 third quarter points," said Gerberding.

Going into the fourth quarter, BDS was only down by three but could only manage to score 11

points while allowing 22 for the Mustangs.

Congratulations to the BDS boys' coaches and players on their MUDECAS Class A championship!

With the loss, the Eagles fall to 9-4 on the season and will travel to McCool Junction on Jan. 20.

Stats

Eagles: 5-9-11-15-40

Sterling: 8-7-18-23-56

Mick, 4, Schardt 4, Hoins 21, Mosier 2, Grote 7, Ardissono 2.

Eagles: 13-10-5-11-39

Meridian: 11-6-14-22-53

Mick 5, Schardt 5, Hoins 7, Mosier 2, Grote 14, Kadel 6.

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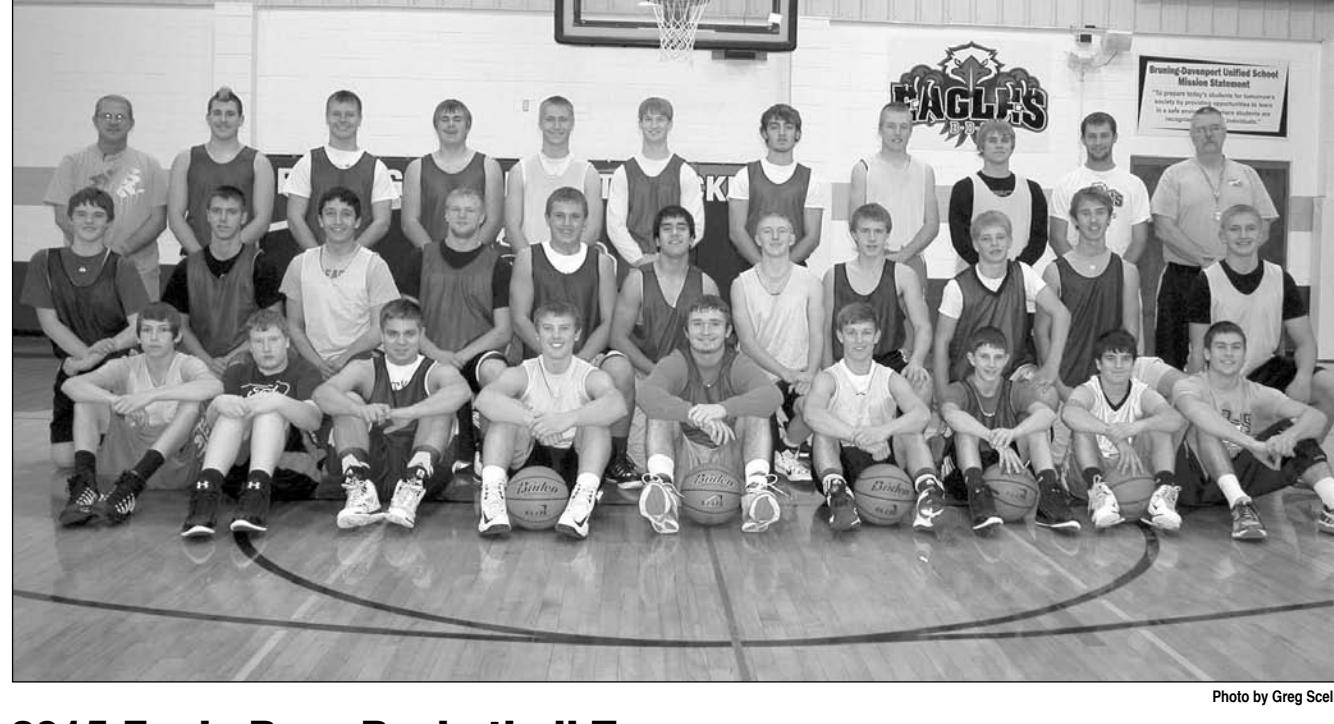


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2015 Eagle Boys Basketball Team...

Members and coaches of the 2014-2015 Bruning-Davenport/Shickley boys basketball team include (front, L-R) Hunter Krehne, Trevor Hintz, Caden Norder, Tyler Anderson, Cody Garland, TJ Krupicka, Jacob Swartzendruber, Thomas Mick, Kale Kleinschmidt, (middle, L-R) Kellon Reinsch, Riley Tegtmeier, Josh Hinrichs, Sam Christensen, Holden Stengel, Noel Gines, Brett Holtzen, Taylor Anderson, Garrett Schardt, Anthony Beavers, John Alfs and (back, L-R) coach Bryan Schardt, Ben Elznic, Stuart Rohr, Kamron Ficken, Chris Rohr, Jayden Otto, Caleb Duff, Kale Smith, Grant Norder, coach Greg Schroeder and coach Fred Kluck. Not pictured is coach Brent Houchin.



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2015 Eagle Girls Basketball Team...

Members of the 2014-2015 Bruning-Davenport/Shickley girls basketball team include (front, L-R) Kim Armgardt, Logan Rosenquist, Jaycie Hoins, Rio Mohrmann, (middle, L-R) Mashya Dierking, Courtney Kamler, Jo Degner, Nicole Swartzendruber, Lexi Kadel, Morgan Lowery, Melissa Hinrichs and (back, L-R) Kim Ardissono, Carley Elznic, Samantha Lange, Kaylie Wilson, Brice Ardissono, Tristen Mosier, Catherine Mick, McKenna Schardt and student manager Colleen Wassom. Not pictured are Caitlynn Beddoe, Megan Grote and student managers Regan Alfs, TaraLee Hudson and JessLynn Hudson.

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